

The Difference between Grace and Faith

Introduction

We see things primarily through 5 senses (sight, hearing, smell, taste, and feel). God wants us to see things through Faith. See Hebrews 11:1. We need to operate in the sixth sense of Faith. As we see things through Faith we will begin to operate like God.

We can either accept God's Word or lean onto our own understanding or man's understanding.

God is limited only by His Word. Don't put God in a box. His ways are higher than our ways.

It is not the truth that sets you free; it's the truth you know that will set you free (John 8:32). And the truth is that you need to put your faith in what God has already done, not in what you do. God, by His grace, has already provided healing, prosperity, forgiveness for sin, and much more. However, it must be appropriated by faith.

God has done His part by giving His Son, Jesus. His grace has provided everything through the sacrifice of Jesus. **This is nearly too good to be true because there is absolutely nothing we can do to earn it and nothing we can do to lose it.** Our part is simple: We respond to His grace by faith and appropriate what has already been accomplished.

Paul said, *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

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Let's place two pegs, one peg represents God's Word and the other represents what we see or man's word. The difference between two pegs is the problem that I want to address. The difference causes us great frustration. We bridge the difference through Faith. Only when we don't see the results we want we are frustrated with the gap between Grace and Faith. The answer is to be led by the Spirit. Don't let any word overcome God's Word. Any other word (other than God's Word) is a lack of faith or fear. God may say Yes-Now, Yes-Later, or No. The answer maybe a process. Satan comes to steal, kill, and destroy. God/Jesus/Holy Spirit will prevail in His time. We are to remember His good works (supernatural works) in our behalf. God gave us Grace, Mercy, and Love. We are more than a conqueror through Him that lives in us. We don't name it and claim it but have faith in God. This is the key. Have faith in God. God loves us and He will and has given us the answers to life's problem through His Word and the Holy Spirit.

Other thoughts

Be obedient to God's Word and the Holy Spirit.

Prayer is more important than you think. He (God) makes the *best* out of our *mess*.

There is a sender (God by His Word & Holy Spirit through Grace), **receiver** (us through Faith), and deceiver (Satan through deceiving us by twisting the Truth).

Glory is the goodness of God. God is Love. God has given us all things by Grace (undeserved favor). Faith simply appropriates what God has already proved by Grace. God's Glory trumps the natural. Be kinder than necessary, every one you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

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